

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Community Settings for Patients Experiencing Problematic Substance Use, V2

Please share widely within your individual Pharmacy teams the Grampian Guidance for Prescribing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) In Community Settings for Patients Experiencing Problematic Substance Use, Version 2:

[Grampian Guidance for Prescribing Medication Assisted Treatment \(MAT\) in Community Settings for Patients Experiencing Problematic Substance Use](#)

Public Health Update

World Hepatitis Day 28th July 2026

With this important day coming up at the end of the month, we wanted to give you a heads up so you can organise promotional materials beforehand and join NHS Grampian in pushing messaging, resources and services.

- A reminder that we encourage you all (mandatory for GOLD award holders) to stock a small amount of BBV kits, available here: gram.bbvpostaltesting@nhs.scot.
- Grampian Sexual Health Services website is here: [Grampian Sexual Health Services | Sexual Health Advice and Information](#)
- The digital BBV leaflet is here: [mvc-230347---blood-borne-viruses-bbv---what-you-need-to-know-version-06.pdf](#)
- More about World Hepatitis Day here: [Home - World Hepatitis Day](#)
- Posters for sharing are in the attachments.

Smoking Cessation Update

Feedback Form for STAFF Experiencing Smoking Cessation Service Issues

Do you have concerns, issues or suggestions around the current National Smoking Cessation Service?

This feedback form is to gather information from **pharmacy staff** in order to feedback to Community Pharmacy Scotland: [Feedback Form for Pharmacies Experiencing Issues Around Smoking Cessation Services – Fill in form](#)

Pharmaceutical Care Services Star Award Programme

Thank you to those who have already nominated a colleague for our new **Staff Recognition and Thanks (STAR) Award**. If you would like to nominate a colleague for a STAR award please see our Microsoft Form submission form here: [Star Award Nominations for Community Pharmacy Staff – Fill in form](#)

As the Pharmaceutical Care Services Staff Thanks and Recognition Award (STAR) is now open for public nominations, we have attached a promotional poster for display within your pharmacy. The poster encourages patients, carers, and members of the public to nominate individual staff members or pharmacy teams who have provided exceptional care, support, or service.

Save the Date: Training Sessions

FAST Education, Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland	Various training sessions from 28 th July to 23 rd September 2026.	This training, run by Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, is aiming to improve stroke recognition through improving understanding of the FAST tool. To sign up, please find the attached registration form: Registration Form - FAST Education .
Every Conversation Counts: Supporting Vaccine Decisions in Pregnancy	Tuesday 25 th August 2026, 2.30pm – 4.00pm.	This webinar is aimed at healthcare professionals who may have conversations with pregnant women about vaccination. Further information, including the full programme and registration details, can be accessed via the TURAS Learning Events page: Learning Event - Every Conversation Counts: Supporting Vaccine Decisions in Pregnancy

Community Pharmacy Scotland Round-Up



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NHS Pharmacy First (Scotland) Service - Processing Claims

The top question for this week is around the processing of claims for the service.



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PCA(P)(2026)10 - Extension to SSP: Estradot Patches and Creon Gastro-resistant Capsules

Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) for Estradot® (estradiol) transdermal patches, a hormone replacement therapy (HRT) product, which were due to expire on 10 July 2026, have been extended until **Friday 2 October 2026**.



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Newly Qualified CPIP Employee Pharmacists

Congratulations to everyone who has recently passed their IP Courses. Well done!



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Teach and Treat (T&T) Opportunity

Calling all CPS/PSDS Funded Newly Qualified CPIP Employees!
Congratulations on passing your CPIP Course!!!

The Happy Place 😊

This week we are delighted to share Rowlands Mintlaw's recent celebrations for Kathleen's last week at the branch, retiring after 30 years of dedicated service. We hope you will join us to congratulate Kathleen on her well deserved retirement!



We would like to continue this section as an opportunity for reward, recognition and good news stories of the teams who read this! Please submit any items for inclusion to gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot.

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